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PRESS RELEASE

DOC and University of Delaware Honored for 'Inside-Outside' College Course

The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) and the University of Delaware (UD) were recently honored by one of the nation's principal organizations for continuing higher education for a college course that brings together students and sentenced offenders to learn and exchange ideas.

"Drugs and the Criminal Justice System: An Inside-Outside Perspective" received a University Continuing Education Association (UCEA) Mid-Atlantic Region Award for Excellence on Oct. 3. UCEA awards acknowledge creative, innovative and efficient programs, activities, and services in the field of adult and continuing higher education. The DOC/UD award was presented in the category of Programs for Special Populations.

Taught at the Women's Work Release and Treatment Center (WWRTC) in New Castle, the course looks at how drugs and crime are related and intertwined, as well as how the criminal justice systems deals with drugs and drug offenders. Since its inception in 2005, approximately 75 UD students and 45 offenders from the WWRTC and the Plummer Community Corrections Center have completed the course.